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My dear Sister,
If I have not written to you before this, it is not that I have not often thought of you and felt how much I loved you, but you know I was always an indifferent letter writer and time has not cured this defect.

When I think of the sad circumstances under which I parted from you at Ashland, and of the calamitous affliction which has since overwhelmed you - I feel that it would be an act of Supererogation to offer to you any trite consolation